Installation of small movable water purifying plants

368. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bhabha Atomic Research Centre or any other research organization of Central Government has developed very cost effective and small movable water purifying plants which can treat water of excessive fluoride and other toxicants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States where such water treatment plants are being utilized;

(d) whether Government propose to install such plants in fluoride effected areas of the country;

(e) if so, the details in this regard; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) To identify suitable water treatment technologies to provide safe drinking water in rural schools, the Government has constituted a High Level Technical Committee under the chairmanship of the Secretary, Department of Science and Technology. The committee identified six suitable technologies for treatment of contaminated water which includes fluoride contamination and other toxicants, by installing small standalone drinking water purification systems and the same have been informed to all the States.

(c) to (e) To provide safe drinking water in rural schools of the country, a new programme namely 'Jalmani' has been launched in 2008-09 by installing standalone water purification systems using such and other suitable water treatment technologies. Funds to the tune of Rs. 100 crore have been sanctioned to all the States for the same.

(f) Does not arise.

World Bank findings on Rural Water Supply Schemes

369. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the findings of the World Bank Study entitled "Review of Effectiveness of Rural Water Supply Schemes", launched in July, 2008;

(b) the percentage of functional efficacy of the current rural water schemes, flow of funds and expenditure incurred, performance of schemes, cost of supply, household coping strategies and costs, etc.;

(c) whether any study has been made about the rural household willingness to pay and affordability thereof; and

(d) if so, the gist of findings?